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News and Notes from the
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FEBRUARY 1985

DECEMBER 1984

TOP 20 TITHES

Received by January 15, 1985
(Per Capita)

Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	\$ 16.82
MCC Bakersfield, CA	16.51
MCC of Greater Rochester, NY	16.35
MCC Rockville, MD	15.68
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	15.43
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	14.60
MCC in the Valley, North Hollywood, CA	14.51
MCC Harrisburg, PA	14.47
MCC Washington, DC	14.22
MCC San Jose, CA	14.10
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ	13.30
Redeemer MCC of Flint, MI	13.21
Divine Redeemer MCC, Glendale, CA	12.90
Johnson County MCC, Olathe, KS	12.07
MCC Lancaster, PA	11.99
MCC Providence, RI	11.76
Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA	11.29
MCC Long Beach, CA	10.55
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA	10.20
MCC Lancing, MI	10.19

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MCC of the Resurrection, TX	\$ 2,650.31
MCC Dallas, TX	2,522.52
MCC In The Valley, North Hollywood, CA	1,700.18
MCC Long Beach, CA	1,166.18
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	1,025.90
MCC New York, NY	909.75
MCC Los Angeles, CA	888.15
MCC of Greater St. Louis, MO	755.95
MCC Washington, DC	719.75
MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO	689.62
MCC San Jose, CA	641.44
Christ the King MCC, Oklahoma City, OK	569.32
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	506.39
St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL	486.49
MCC San Antonio, TX	483.82
MCC Detroit, MI	482.87
MCC Albuquerque, NM	436.26
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	430.59
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ	419.33
MCC Mid-Cities, Arlington, TX	414.04

PRAISES

Rev. Claudia Vierra has been elected Pastor of MCC of the Redwoods, in Marin County, California. Congratulations Claudia and MCC of the Redwoods!

Rev. Stan Harris has been elected Pastor of Divine Redeemer MCC in Glendale, California. Congratulations Stan and MCC in Glendale.

Rev. Gloria Root has relocated to MCC Albuquerque to be with her spouse Rev. Judy Davenport.

Ravi Verma (UFMCC Director of Administration), has returned to us after a very eventful and productive visit home to India.

Rev. Elder Perry and Mr. Frank Zerilli are attending the first District Conference of a united Australian District, and visiting our church in Sydney.

For very productive G.S.S., F.F.O., C.C.C.C. meetings and a Spirit filled Clergy Conference.

For Jim Voltz who is doing a marvelous job putting together our General Conference in Sacramento, and for all those who are working so diligently in cooperation with Jim. THANKS!!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The District Coordinators and Elders meeting will be held in Los Angeles, and Palm Springs, CA., February 25-28, 1985.

The Elders will hold our next meeting March 1-5, 1985 in Los Angeles, CA.

For an excellent Lenten Meditation booklet, called "Liberation and Unity", write to The Consultation on Church Union, 228 Alexander St., Princeton, New Jersey 08540.



MCC San Diego has continued to be the recipients of harassment from a right wing group that is also threatening birth control clinics, etc., in San Diego. They covet our prayer of love and support. Our church in San Diego is alive and well, and prospering under the able leadership of Pastor David Farrell and new Assistant Pastor, Rev. Sheila Rawls. God bless you, MCC San Diego!

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry has recently sent out an important pastoral letter to all UFMCC churches and clergy. Please share this important message with your entire congregation.

TV UPDATE

We are in the process of hiring a distributing company that will purchase airtime in 15 major North American markets for UFMCC's "God, Gays And The Gospel: This Is Our Story." We are also continuing our negotiation with PBS and group W (Cable TV) to air our show.

W.C.E.

HOW CAN I
HELP
WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION?
WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY
February 10, 1985

UFMCC continues to grow around the world and the Good News of God's love is being heard by many people, especially gay and lesbian people; often times for the first time. All UFMCC churches will be celebrating this ministry.

Please take a love offering to be a part of this exciting program. You may designate your offering or portion of your offering into the following categories, and send it in the enclosed Business Reply Envelope.

My Offering is in the amount of \$_____, and is designated for:

- _____ The World Church Extension Office in London
- _____ Outreach in Western Europe and New Zealand
- _____ The Mexico City Church's Building Fund
- _____ Hispanic Americas Ministry
- _____ Translation of Materials
- _____ Nigerian Emergency Relief

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ATTENTION - ATTENTION

All district representatives to the Fellowship Finance Committee--both clergy and lay--please send your address to the chair of the Finance Committee,

Mr. Tom Reveley
539 W. 17th Street
Houston, TX 77008

WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION

from Rev. C. Jane Carl
MCC Pomona, CA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The concept of World Church Extension is not a new one. Since the days of the early church it has always been a "stepping out" on faith.

Last January, Rev. Bob Arthur "stepped out" on faith and answered a call to the World Church Extension Ministry in Birmingham, England.

Because of English Law, Bob is not able to work outside of the church. This means that the church must support his ministry. Because of the better than 70% unemployed in Birmingham, the local church is just beginning to be able to meet the cost of rent on their church. They have not yet been able to offer the pastor a salary.

Bob has accomplished much in the past year. To name but a few of the successes:

1. Doubled the number of souls in the congregation from 16 to 30.
2. Established a Bible Study/Rap group.
3. Preached, when asked, outside of Birmingham.
4. Assisted in the 1st Excel within the UK.
5. Offered Student Clergy Training.
6. Appeared on BBC.
7. Appeared on closed circuit radio in one of the hospitals.
8. Spoke in colleges.
9. Was elected District Coordinator

Bob will be continuing his labor for souls in Birmingham, but to do so he needs our support financially.

Your congregation might consider the following guidelines for a monthly pledge for one year. If your congregation is:

15 or less	\$ 5.00
16 to 35	25.00
36 to 50	50.00
51 to 75	75.00
76 to 125	125.00
LARGER	LARGER

This will be a gift to God's ministry and God will supply blessings you've not dared to dream of

Prayerfully present this request for support of Bob Arthur's ministry in Birmingham, England to your Board of Directors then please advise me of your church's pledge as soon as you know.

God is truly at work within our midst.

In Peace and Love,

Rev. C. Jane Carl, Chair
Bob Arthur Support Fund
c/o MCC of the Pomona Valley
508 S. Euclid Ave.
Ontario, CA 91761

REMINDER

Ordination Candidates -- the deadline for ordination papers or the completed request for an extension is Feb. 1, 1985. Ordination papers must be in Boise by Feb. 1, with the original and two copies, or the Rev. Vierra must have your application for an extension by that date.

March 1, 1985 is the deadline for applications for exams, initial licensure, relicensure, and ordination candidacy. Remember, those of you who need your District Coordinator's evaluation -- They will have a lot of these to do and would appreciate receiving your forms -- in triplicate please -- as soon as possible.

They may not be able to complete any forms received after Feb. 1, 1985, in time to get them to Boise by March 1. You are responsible for making sure this is done expeditiously.

Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee has a new address: 805 West Idaho, Suite 419
Boise, Idaho 83702
208/342-2175

* * * MONTHLY REPORT FORMS * * *

Please note the following procedure which should be followed for sending the Monthly Report Forms (ie Tithing forms):

- (1) White Copy - to UFMCC office
- (2) Yellow Copy - for the local Church
- (3) Pink Copy - for the District Coordinator or Coordinator of Church Ext.

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MCC Dallas, TX	\$ 2,006.94
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	1,573.56
MCC San Diego, CA	1,489.19
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Ldl., FL	1,067.96
MCC Long Beach, CA	859.42
MCC Seattle, WA	742.70
MCC Los Angeles, CA	734.70
MCC San Francisco, CA	630.65
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	608.83
MCC Portland, OR	597.52
MCC San Jose, CA	596.43
MCC of Greater St. Louis, MO	519.00
MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO	437.69
MCC San Antonio, TX	418.27
MCC of Greater Tulsa, OK	416.92
MCC of Greater Kansas City, MO	408.85
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA	393.48
MCC Washington, DC	377.45
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	374.12
MCC Detroit, MI	346.25

TO LOVE IS NOTHING
TO BE LOVED IS SOMETHING
TO LOVE AND BE LOVED
IS EVERYTHING!

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MCC Hawaii, Honolulu, HI	\$ 28.89
MCC of Greater Rochester, NY	21.59
Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA	20.48
Apostles of God MCC, Huachuca City, AZ	15.89
Christ MCC, Miami, FL	15.31
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	14.82
MCC Richmond, VA	13.24
MCC Austin, TX	13.18
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	12.98
MCC San Francisco, CA	12.92
MCC Seattle, WA	12.61
MCC Anchorage, AK	12.11
MCC Long Beach, CA	12.10
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NY	12.02
MCC New Orleans, LA	11.77
MCC Stockton, CA	11.67
MCC Detroit, MI	11.39
MCC Dallas, TX	11.31
Redeemer MCC of Flint, MI	11.28
MCC Providence, RI	11.28
MCC Washington, DC	10.88

- - - THANKS - - -

I am back from an exciting and productive trip to my home in India. Thank you for your support and love, both before and during my trip. I will soon let you know about Gay life and Christianity in India. Its, also, good to be back here!

From the Conference Coordinator

The excitement of General Conference is beginning to take affect in the Fellowship office as registration forms start coming in. A letter is going out to every-one who received the original registration packet next week. It announces a change in the "EARLY BIRD" registration deadline from January 31st to February 28th and the reduction of early non-delegate fees to \$75.00. We are hoping that many non-delegates will attend the conference along with delegates and enjoy the wonderful programs planned especially for them. Come to Conference "FREE TO BE" in Sacramento June 30 thru July 7 and join our Family Reunion.

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MCC Dallas, TX	\$ 1,650.06
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	1,322.72
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, TX	1,023.92
MCC Long Beach, CA	897.49
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	798.15
MCC Los Angeles, CA	656.34
MCC of the Rockies, Denver, CO	587.53
MCC of Greater St. Louis, MO	548.12
MCC Seattle, WA	548.11
MCC of Greater Kansas City, MO	524.74
King of Peace MCC, St. Petersburg, FL	497.94
MCC San Jose, CA	459.85
MCC New York, NY	446.14
MCC San Antonio, TX	388.64
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA	363.14
Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA	333.00
Good Shepherd Parish MCC, Chicago, IL	323.86
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	319.85
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Ontario, CA	311.86
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	307.56



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Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	\$ 32.24
MCC Memphis, TN	25.69
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	18.93
MCC San Jose, CA	18.77
Covenant MCC, Birmingham, AL	17.37
MCC Charlotte, NC	16.38
Agape of Ft. Worth, TX	15.87
MCC Cincinnati, OH	14.17
Christ the Liberator, Princeton, NJ	13.72
MCC of Northern Virginia, Oakton, VA	13.40
MCC Providence, RI	11.37
MCC Seattle, WA	11.29
MCC Anchorage, AK	11.15
New Life MCC, Charlotte, NC	10.82
MCC of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, FL	10.77
MCC Sarasota/Bradenton, Sarasota, FL	10.58
Key West MCC, FL	10.21
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	10.20
Sojourner MCC, Ferndale, MI	9.59
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA	9.58